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### **PUC SCHEDULES ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING ON PROPOSED BLACK HILLS ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE**

DENVER – The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has scheduled a second hearing to take public comment on a proposal by Black Hills Energy to increase annual electric revenues in Colorado by \$7.1 million. Under the proposal, residential bills would increase \$3.91 per month, while small commercial bills would increase \$13.85 per month.

An initial public hearing is scheduled from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, in the Pueblo County commissioners' chambers, Pueblo County Courthouse, 215 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St. Due to concerns about access and the number of people wishing to provide comment, the PUC has scheduled a second hearing from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11, at the Pueblo Convention Center, 320 Central Main St.

People wishing to comment on the Black Hills proposal may attend either meeting, but will only be allowed to speak at one.

Those who can't attend either meeting may also submit written comments to the PUC, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, CO 80202. Customers may also submit email comments to [dora\\_puc\\_complaints@state.co.us](mailto:dora_puc_complaints@state.co.us); or use the on-line comment form at [dora.colorado.gov/puc](http://dora.colorado.gov/puc).

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